

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2021

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary action to defer collection of 2021 dance hall licensing fees for six months, notwithstanding the terms of Chapter 829 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, in recognition of the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and government restrictions on the operations of bars, restaurants, and other entertainment venues that function as public dance halls.

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted businesses throughout the City and has acutely impacted drinking, dining, and entertainment establishments that host public dances; and

WHEREAS, public dance halls have been especially economically disadvantaged and impacted by COVID-19 due to government restrictions on operations involving persons congregating indoors which is central to the operations of public dance halls; and

WHEREAS, public dance halls are vital to supporting the regional economy by providing accessible employment for City residents, generating tax revenue to the City, and attracting investment in Cincinnati and its communities through their continued operations; and

WHEREAS, deferring the collection of dance hall licensing fees provides critical additional capital to these establishments to aid in their survival over the next several months; and

WHEREAS, without deferring the collection of dance hall license fees, many establishments may cease to exist and cause a long-term, negative impact on the local economy and the City's financial health, delaying the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to take all necessary action to defer the collection of dance hall license fees under Section 829-5 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that are required to be paid in 2021 until August 15, 2021, notwithstanding the requirements of Chapter 829 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 2. Any dance hall license issued under Chapter 829 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code without payment by the applicant of all fees due at the time of issuance may be revoked

after August 15, 2021 by the City Manager for failing to pay all fees required by Section 829-5 of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for said emergency is the immediate need to provide financial relief to bars, restaurants, and entertainment venues that function as public dance halls and are substantially impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and limitations on operations posed by necessary public health orders.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk